GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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RAILWAY LINE FROM NORTH BENGAL TO SIKKIM .
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) Wether any proposal for constructions of railway line from North Bengal to Sikkim has been pending with the Railways;

(b) If so, whether any feasibility survey of the proposed railway line has been made;

(c) If so, the outcome thereof; and

(d) If not, the reasons for such delay?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (d): A survey for a new line from Sivok to Singtam was conducted in 2000-01 as per which cost of construction of this 60 Kms long line was assessed as Rs.1099 crore with negative rate of return (-)34%. The project could not be taken up because of unremunerative nature, constraint of resources and heavy throwforward of ongoing projects. However, based on demands, a survey for new line from Sivok to Rangpo has been included in Budget 2006-07.